

Engineering & Transportation Division



Safety improvements, Washington & Gardner Street

Beacon Street Project

The Transportation Division is proud to announce that as the Beacon Street Project comes to a completion we have worked closely with the Engineering Division and Massachusetts Highway Department to implement comprehensive handicap parking areas along the entire corridor of Beacon Street on both curbside and median locations which provides a protected loading area. Pavement markings and temporary signs were installed in December 2008 and permanent signage for these new locations will be installed this Spring.

Safety Improvement

Staff has been working on Safety Improvement designs for the Carlton Street Corridor, Stedman Street, and High Street and will continue to hold public meetings before the Transportation Board to accept the concept designs and prepare them for construction in 2009 and 2010. These designs include measures to increase safety for all users of the public way including pedestrians, bicycles, and motorists. Along with these designs, the approved Riverway Island Neighborhood Project and Coolidge Park Neighborhood Plans will be constructed this summer. More information on upcoming studies can be found on our website: www.brooklinema.gov/transportation

Bicycle Facilities

Our recent installation of over \$15,000 worth of bike racks last year has been highlighted and promoted by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) on their website and other promotional materials. We plan to continue to install bike racks throughout the town, as funds are available, to accommodate the growing number of bicycle commuters in our commercial and residential areas. We are also coordinating a Bike rack donation program where a commercial business or resident can donate the equivalent of the cost of a bike rack which will be installed in front of their property, if feasible. If you are interested in this program please contact the Transportation Division via email at todd_kirrane@town.brookline.ma.us

Permit Parking

We are pleased to announce that all of our permit parking applications can now be found online in the "Transportation Documents" portion of our website. The applications include Designated On-street Handicap Parking, Resident Daytime Parking, Commercial Daytime On-street Parking, and Temporary Parking Permits. These applications can be submitted by mail

with all necessary documentation or in person at our office on the 4th floor of Town Hall which is open Monday through Thursday 8am to 5pm and Fridays 8am to 12:30pm. The main number for the Transportation Division is 617-730-2177 and more information about the activities of the division can be obtained at our website.

Stormwater & Wastewater

Phase I of the sewer separation work in the lower Beacon Street is completed and construction will start the last week in March. Work involves installing a storm drain in Colchester Rd., Beech St., Hawes St., Carlton St., Monmouth St., Euston St., Ivy St., and Prescott St. Phase II which is the larger project involves installing a new sewer in Beacon St. and St. Mary's St. This project is being funded by the MWRA. Call Peter M. Ditto, Director of Engineering/Transportation at 617-730-2138 with any questions.

Roadway Reconstruction

This year the Town will be reconstructing Clark Rd., (from Boylston St. to Sumner Rd.) Heath St., (from Hammond St. to Holly Ln.) Pine Rd., Reservoir Rd., (from Heath St. to Boylston St.) Somerset Rd., (from Welland Rd. to Blake Rd.) anticipated to be done. Also, South St (from Grove St. to the VFW Pkwy.) Call Peter M. Ditto, Director of Engineering/Transportation can be reached at 617-730-2138 for more information.

Sidewalk Reconstruction

The Engineering Division is overseeing the annual contract for the reconstruction of sidewalks. Sidewalks to be replaced are prioritized based on their condition and location. Residents whose sidewalks are not scheduled to be replaced in the near future may request their sidewalks to be replaced with the understanding that they pay 50% of the cost. Call Peter M. Ditto, Director of Engineering/Transportation at 617-730-2138 for more information.





Brookline Household Hazardous Recycling Drop Off Center

815 Newton St, Chestnut Hill, MA
Opening Thursday May 7, 2009 7:30am to 12:30pm
And every Thursday thereafter from 7:30am to 12:30pm
May Thru October

(May be closed due to inclement weather)

Town of Brookline Residents ONLY—Proof of Residency required

BE PREPARED TO WAIT—FREE DROP OFF SERVICE— NO COMMERCIAL WASTE ACCEPTED

RESIDENTS WITH LARGER THAN A TRUNK LOAD MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

With Ed Gilbert Please call (617) 646-2700

WHAT TO BRING

(All products must be labeled to be accepted, No exceptions, No unknowns)

From the House

Filled Aerosol Cans
 Adhesive, glues and resins
 Cleaners, spot removers, polish
 Photo chemicals
 Chemistry sets
 Oven, drain, toilet cleaners
 Hobby/artist supplies
 Mothballs
 Flea collar products
 TVs, CRTs, Electronics
 Light Bulbs, CFLs
 Properly Contained Syringes (May also be taken to the Health center)

From the Yard

Pesticides
 Insecticides
 Fungicides
 Poisons
 Chemical fertilizers
 Weed killers

From the Workbench

Oil base paints
 Wood preservatives
 Paint strippers/thinners
 Solvents and varnishes
 Lighter fluid

From the Garage

Fuels, gasoline, kerosene
 Antifreeze and used motor oil
 Engine degreaser
 Brake and transmission fluid
 Carburetor cleaner
 Car polish
 Driveway sealer
 Car batteries
 Pool chemicals
 Tires
 Sealants

WHAT NOT TO BRING

DO NOT BRING LATEX PAINT. LATEX PAINT MAY BE DRIED OUT AND PLACED IN TRASH.

Commercial/ industrial waste
 Compressed gas cylinders
 Ammunition, fireworks, explosives,
 flares (contact Police and or Fire Departments)
 Prescription medicines
 Infectious/ biological wastes
 Butane, other flammable gases

Smoke detectors (send back to the manufacturer)
 Construction materials
 Radioactive waste
 Empty containers
 Non-hazardous materials
 Asbestos
 PCBs

HOW TO TRANSPORT THESE MATERIALS SAFELY

Leave materials in original container

Tighten caps and lids

Sort and pack separately

NEVER MIX CHEMICALS

Do not place waste in a garbage bag

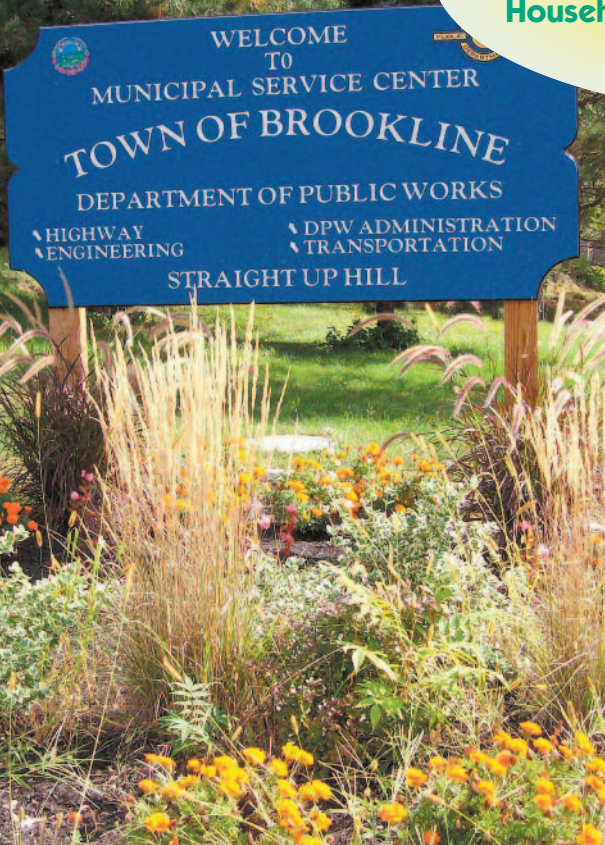
Never smoke while handling hazardous material

Put containers in sturdy upright boxes/ pad with newspaper

Town of Brookline
Municipal Service Center
333 Washington Street
Brookline, MA 02445

Spring/Summer edition 2009
Solid Waste/Recycling guidelines enclosed
Household Hazardous Collection Center
Now Open Every Thursday!

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BROOKLINE, MA

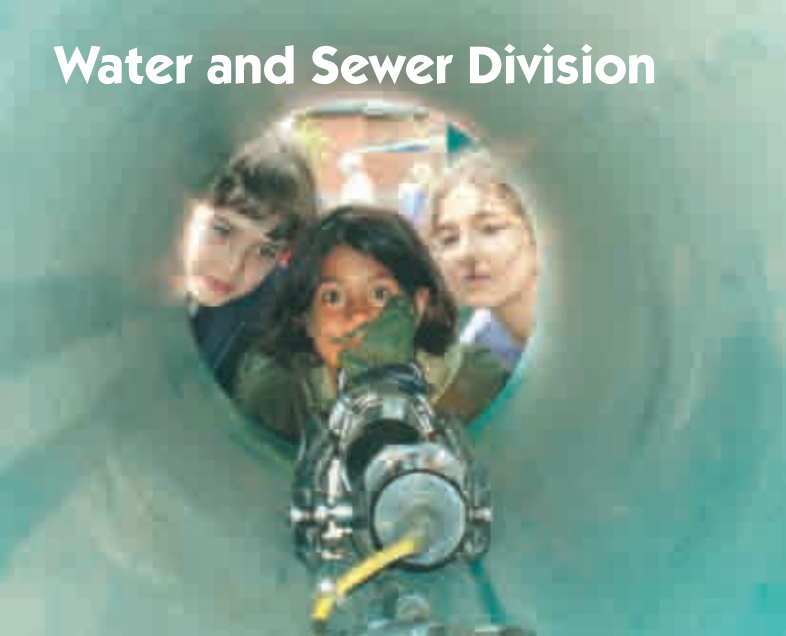


BROOKLINE WORKS
Working with the Community to
make Brookline a better place to live



Keeping Brookline Cleaner and Greener

Water and Sewer Division



Irrigation Meters

Installation of water meters for lawn irrigation systems is allowed only on systems that are piped underground and connected to the service pipe at the pipe entrance to the building. Water used in this manner will be exempt from the sewer use charge and will be billed separately from the domestic water and sewer account. Connections to silcocks or any other interior or exterior faucets used in conjunction with garden hoses are not allowed.

All installations must be done in accordance with the Regulations for the Installation of Irrigation Meters issued by the Water & Sewer Division and completed by a licensed plumber subject to all the conditions of the Brookline Building Code, including permits and inspections. In addition, all installations must be inspected and approved by the Water & Sewer Division. Approval will not be granted unless a backflow preventer device has been installed according to the regulations.

Please be reminded that the installation and use of irrigation meters without the approval of the Water & Sewer Division is illegal and subject to enforcement under the law. If you believe that you have an unapproved meter please contact the Division at 617-730-2170 immediately for assistance.

Fire Hydrants

The Town maintains about 1,600 fire hydrants that provide our citizens with a high level of fire protection. Based on the most recent fire flow tests conducted by the Insurance Services Organization, which determines the fire insurance classification of the entire town, the water distribution system and hydrant maintenance program received a point rating of 37.57 out of a total possible of 40.00 points. So that we can continue to receive high marks in our system, we need your help. Hydrants that are inaccessible or broken are worthless in an emergency. *Please report any damage to fire hydrants immediately by calling 617-730-2175.*

Private Ways

Property owners abutting private ways are reminded that the ownership of the water service pipe and sewer and drain connections serving the property are the sole responsibility of the owner for repair and replacement subject to the rules and regulations of the Water & Sewer Division. In addition, ownership of the mains within the private way is generally shared by all the abutters to the private way who are then equally responsible for all maintenance and repairs of the water, sewer and drain mains. *Please contact the Division at 617-730-2170 for immediate assistance should the need arise.*

Storm Drains

Roadside storm drains (catch basins) are part of a large storm water collection system that provides for surface water drainage in our public ways. With nearly 2,400 basins town-wide, the Division is mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency to clean all basins once per year and all arterial basins twice per year to remove solids deposited from the roads. Clean catch basins provide for higher discharge water quality and reduced risk of flooding during rain events.

Remember: Releasing contaminants onto ground surfaces or dumping directly into catch basins has the same result as directly polluting our rivers, streams and ponds. **ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!** For more information about how you can prevent storm water pollution, please visit the EPA's StormWater site at www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater. The Town regulates storm water discharges under By Law 8.25. *Please report any violations to 617-730-2139 or 617-730-2175.*

Water Conservation

Summer is an especially important time to save water. Outdoor water use increases residential consumption from 10% to 50% in June, July, August and September. Look for an important brochure in your next bill that will help you save our precious water resources.



Repairing a Water Main Break



Parks and Open Space Division

Amory Playground Re-Opening Celebration

The Parks and Open Space Division invites the public to the Amory Park Re-Opening Celebration on Sunday, May 31st. The recent renovations to the park include significant baseball and soccer field improvements, restored turf and drainage, new plantings, new pathways and enhanced handicapped accessibility. The Celebration will be held in conjunction with the second annual Brookline Bikes Beacon Bicycle Parade, in partnership with the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Police Department. The festivities will start at Amory Park at 12:30 p.m. with the bicycle parade. When the cyclists return at 1:15 p.m., we'll have ice cream and music! We'll acknowledge the many neighbors, park advocates and staff who participated in the design process, and those who contributed to its implementation. Join us with or without your bicycle, enjoy the refreshments and some live musical entertainment, sit in the shade of the oak trees, loll in the cool grass, admire the improvements, and celebrate with friends, neighbors and other park users!



New pathway and sitting area at Amory Playground

Brookline SPARKLES Recycling Initiative

In 2008, the Parks Division applied for and was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Brookline Community Foundation to commence a recycling initiative in Brookline's parks. The "Brookline SPARKLES" initiative will help to meet residents' requests and the Division's desire to have accessible recycling in our parks. This program encourages users to recycle, thus decreasing the solid waste collected from the parks, saving money, energy, and natural resources, and keeping our parks cleaner. The new recycling receptacles are durable, attractive and consistent in

appearance with existing park furniture, and clearly marked and designed for recycling plastic, aluminum and glass, which addresses the main recycling needs in the parks. This initiative is also a natural extension of the Town's mandatory recycling policy. Receptacles will be installed in convenient locations in ten of the Town's most active parks in the spring of 2009. The ten debut parks include Amory, Brookline Ave., Cypress Playground, Devotion, Downes Field, Larz Anderson, Lawrence, Skyline, Waldstein and Warren Playground. Depending on the success of the initiative and the availability of funds, the Division will evaluate the ability to expand the program into other Brookline parks.

Summer in the Parks Outdoor Movie Series

The Brookline Parks and Open Space Division, the Brookline Recreation Department, and the Coolidge Corner Theatre Foundation proudly present "Summer in the Parks: 2009 Outdoor Film Series." Join friends, family, and neighbors for free outdoor movies this summer. The 2009 Outdoor Film Series includes classics for the whole family to enjoy. The series kicks off on Monday July 13th with "The Princess Bride" at Devotion School Field, 345 Harvard St, near Coolidge Corner. Also at Devotion, come watch "Wizard of Oz" on Monday July 20th and "Some Like it Hot" on Monday July 27th. All shows are free and open to the public and begin at dusk (approximately 8 p.m.).

Green Dog Program Brochure and Signage

Brookline's Green Dog Program is an innovative approach to meeting our dogs' and dog owners' desire to have time off-leash, while sharing the spaces seamlessly with other park users in our urban community. Brookline has 14 off-leash areas across the Town, with specific off-leash hours established by the Park and Recreation Commission. The program began with a pilot in 2002, and was expanded in 2006 due to its success. In January of 2009, the Parks Division, in conjunction with the Recreation Department, released a new educational brochure about the program. For more information and to view the Green Dog Parks and Hours log onto www.brooklinema.gov/parks/greendog

Brookline Tree Planting Program

This Spring the Town will plant nearly 200 trees as part of its annual tree planting program. To request a street tree for next years planting please call 617-730-2149.

A message from the Commissioner of Public Works

Thursday May 14, 2009 7:00PM
EVENING WITH THE COMMISSIONER AND STAFF
Town Hall - Room 111



As we get closer to the Annual Town Meeting, I would like to invite you to a special informational meeting to address any questions, concerns, or comments you might have about the operations of the Department of Public Works. Over the years many participants in Town Meeting have taken the floor at the Annual Meeting to raise any number of issues directly relevant to DPW, but which might not necessarily involve the budget. This annual event is a special forum for a more in-depth discussion of issues concerning the Department of Public Works.

It is not surprising that there is so much interest in DPW. Our dedicated employees provide extensive and often critical services to the community. These include engineering, transportation, highway, sanitation, recycling, roadway maintenance, street cleaning, snow and ice control, traffic control, street lighting, parking, line painting, sidewalk maintenance, equipment maintenance, parks and open space, conservation, public grounds maintenance, school grounds maintenance, skating rink, forestry, cemetery, water and sewer and storm water draining. It is safe to say that the Department of Public Works enhances the quality of life for every resident in someway, everyday of the week.

To provide an opportunity to address any issues you might have concerning DPW operations, we are inviting you to an "Evening with the Commissioner and Staff". This informational session will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday May 14, 2009** at Town Hall, 333 Washington Street. We look forward to your attendance and participation.



Directors Photo (L to R Kevin Johnson, Director of Highway & Sanitation, Erin Gallentine Director of Parks & Open Space, Thomas Demaio, Commissioner, Andrew Pappastergion Director of Water & Sewer, Peter Ditto, Director of Engineering & Transportation)



DPW DAY- MAY 19, 2009

Come celebrate
National Public Works Week
on May 19, 2009 from 12:00pm-6:00pm
with an **"Open House"** at the
Department of Public Works Municipal Service Center
at 870 Hammond Street

Bring the Kids to check out the Big Trucks!

Equipment Show & Tell - Loaders, Dump Trucks, Snow Fighters & Street Sweepers.

Tour the sign shop. See how the Town of Brookline makes a street sign and how traffic signals work.

View the Water & Sewer Pipe Camera in action; learn how water is connected to your home. See the Town of Brookline's Vactor truck in action.

Watch the lift bucket truck elevate to the top of the trees!

Plant your own flowers with a Brookline horticulturalist!

Learn why the Town of Brookline Surveys land and how field measurements are taken using a pedometer.

For more information call 617-730-2156.

Dear Neighbor,

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) is a group of citizen volunteers appointed by the Selectmen. Its mission is simply stated: reduce solid waste and increase recycling.

On SWAC's recommendation, the Board of Selectmen created a study committee representing various interests to look deeply into more "reduction initiatives." That committee recommended that Brookline initiate a "Pay-As-You-Throw" (PAYT) system. They quoted an EPA-funded study that found that PAYT is the simplest and most effective way to increase recycling and decrease waste disposal.

Because a PAYT system would be a major change, the Selectmen voted to put the question before the 2009 Spring Town Meeting.

SWAC supports the PAYT concept because it is equitable, environmentally sound, and economically responsible. For more information about the PAYT proposal, google "Brookline Mass Reduction Initiative."

Please continue to acquaint yourself with Brookline's efforts and expectations by closely reading Brookline Works, by checking the website, by regularly reading the "Recycling Corner" in the TAB, by calling the Department of Public Works, and by finding out more about PAYT.

Thank you.